



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2007, please amend and reconsider this application as set forth below.